

COVID-19 Update Alabama Department of Public Health February 4, 2021

Getting COVID-19 vaccine into the arms of Alabamians as quickly as possible is our goal.

ADPH is conducting clinics daily, including drive-though clinics in some counties. Limited vaccine remains the greatest challenge in Alabama and other states.

COVID-19 Cases—467,823

COVID-19 Deaths—8,365

COVID-19 Hospitalizations (as of February 3)—42,727

Beginning February 8, vaccine eligibility will expand to include phase 1b and people 65 years and older. The Alabama COVID-19 Vaccination Allocation Plan outlines the various phases, and is available here: www.alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19vaccine/assets/adph-covid19-vaccination-allocation-plan.pdf

Currently eligible for vaccine—326,000 healthcare providers, nursing home residents, law enforcement officers, firefighters, and 350,000 persons age 75+

Average 1st Doses of Vaccine Shipped to Alabama Per Week—60,000 to 70,000

Anticipated vaccine allotment for week of February 8:

Moderna – 1st dose 44,100 / 2nd dose 30,600 – Pfizer 1st dose 30,225 / 2nd dose 30,225

Vaccine Doses Administered—413,346

Vaccine Doses Delivered to Alabama—923,750

Alabama Healthcare Providers Enrolled—883

COVID-19 Vaccine Scams

ADPH has received reports of persons identifying themselves as public health nurses and saying they will administer COVID-19 vaccine at residences. At this time, ADPH does not administer COVID-19 vaccines in homes. If you receive unsolicited telephone calls, emails, or visits from persons purporting to be with ADPH and offering to administer COVID-19 vaccines at home, do not allow them to enter your residence or provide personal information such as social security numbers, birthdates, or bank information to these persons. Please notify your local law enforcement authorities about the details of such encounters.

UK Variant in Alabama

The new and more highly transmissible COVID-19 variant, B.1.1.7, has been identified in six Alabama residents. This variant is associated with increased person-to-person transmission of COVID-19. ADPH advises people to continue practicing the usual mitigation measures with emphasis on correct and consistent use of a two- to three-layered face mask of washable, breathable fabric, such as cotton. Other prevention methods include practicing social distancing, and washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

Large Scale Mass Vaccination Clinics in 8 Alabama Locations

Beginning the week of February 8, there will be 8 large scale mass vaccination clinics throughout the state. Clinics will be located in Anniston, Birmingham, Dothan, Huntsville, Mobile, Montgomery, Selma, and Tuscaloosa. The goal is for each location to be able to give 1,000 vaccines per day that week, totaling 40,000 doses administered. Some sites require preregistration, and not all sites may have availability. Locations in each city and addition information will be announced tomorrow.

ADPH Encourages People to Avoid Super Bowl Parties

ADPH joins Dr. Anthony Fauci and others in warning people not to host or attend Super Bowl parties with people outside their households. When people follow tradition and gather with friends and family, increases in COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and deaths follow. Please stay at home this Sunday to help avoid the spread of coronavirus.

Vaccination Eligibility Check and Scheduling Portal

Visit www.alcovidvaccine.gov to schedule available vaccine appointments, access a map of drive-through and walk-in locations, and sign up to be notified as new priority groups are available to receive vaccine.